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### **UMM among top five public liberal arts colleges in nation, says U.S. News**

#### *Summary:*

(August 23, 2005)-For the fifth straight year, the University of Minnesota, Morris is ranked in the list of five top public liberal arts colleges in the nation by U.S. News & World Report in its 2006 rankings of America's Best Colleges. UMM continues as the only college in the Midwest to appear on the list.

"This recognition, placing among the very top public liberal arts colleges in America, is very good news, said UMM Chancellor Sam Schuman. "It is an important and wide-spread public recognition of the excellence of our college, its people and its instructional program. And, recognition by U.S. News provides important external validation of what all of us on campus already know about our educational rigor, our quality and our achievements."

Other colleges included in the top five listing of public liberal arts colleges are Virginia Military Institute, St. Mary's College of Maryland, the University of North Carolina-Asheville, and New College of Florida.

Among criteria that the rankings considered, 90 percent of UMM's faculty are full time, and only 6 percent of its classes number more than 50 students. Seventy percent of the courses have fewer than 20 students. Student to faculty ratio at UMM is 14:1. Thirty-five percent of freshmen entering UMM are in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class.

This is the second time in as many weeks that UMM has received recognition in a national publication. The Fiske Guide to Getting into the Right College 2005 ranked UMM as one of three of the "best college bargains" in the nation, praising the school's superb students, small classes, and dedicated faculty.

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